

# Cradley Parish Council : Lengthman & Parish Path Partnership [ P3] Schemes

Monthly Report : February 2016

Dear Councillors ,

As I write this summary of our work during February the weather conditions have at last improved somewhat and Rob and I have been able to make good progress with the backlog of pothole repairs and highway maintenance .

We hope to have caught up on the bulk of the pothole work which we are permitted to carry out by the end of March .

I am pleased with the standard of our pothole repairs and invite fellow councillors to take a close look at our work and report back . Our repair techniques should ensure that water ingress is eliminated , the surfaces are level and well compacted and the joints have all been sealed with a bitumous compound ... proper job ! They will last a long time .

Storrige lanes have had their share of attention as well and all being well we hope to now keep on top of the pothole work .

PROW work has been minimal in Feb but we start again on footpath work in early March .

I am pleased to report that we have been getting excellent support from our Locality Steward but not so her employer , Balfour – Beatty .

You will recall that last month I reported that I hoped to be able to sort out logistics and accountancy and modus operandii with B- B . I wrote then

*“ Our first year of operation finishes on 31/03/2016 . There is much to review / sort out before a new Annual Maintenance Plan can be prepared . The logistics and accountancy issues with B-B must be sorted ASAP .”*

To my intense frustration with regard to B-B's intransigent approach to dealing with important issues I report nil progress to date ! Currently I am trying to get an appointment with Contract Manager , M's Rachel Rice to sort out the problems . More anon .

- February has seen us in the following areas :

Greenhill Lane	Extensive pothole repairs , grips , gulleys etc
Chapel Lane	Started to repair the lake of potholes , WIP
Poundbridge	Debris clearance work
Kingsbridge/ C65620	Extensive pothole repairs , WIP
Buryfields	PROW work to Stiles , paths,etc WIP

nb We also have to go to B-B depot at Bromyard for material as we need it .

Also to Barnards Green , Malvern for miscellaneous items !

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